DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
# KOREA
(No. 755)
Juche 107
(2018)
12

# CONTENTS


Δ Emotion-charged Meeting Fully Demonstrates Traditional DPRK-Cuba Friendship and Cooperative Relations .....1

Δ Supreme Leader Sees Joint Performance of Korean and Chinese Artistes .....8

Δ Supreme Leader Provides Field Guidance to Different Sectors.....10

Δ 2018, a Proud Year of Advance Exalting the Honour of the Country .....14

Δ Complex Bustling with Juche Iron Production. .....26

Δ New Fish Pickling Factory on the West Coast .....28

Δ Technology-intensive Company .....32

Δ Manageress Basking in the Favour of Workers .....34

Δ Patriotic Family in Pukjin.....36

Δ South Hamgyong Provincial *Paduk* House.....38

Δ Dried Flowers Elicit Marvellous Emotion.....39

Δ Birds Skittering over Taedong River.....40


**FRONT COVER**: Chollima Statue symbolizing the spirit of Korea
*Photo: Kim Hyok Chol*


Pictorial KOREA is published in Korean, Chinese, Russian and English.

# Emotion-charged Meeting Fully Demonstrates Traditional DPRK-Cuba Friendship and Cooperative Relations

**Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un receives Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, President of the Council of State and President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba**

At the invitation of Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, President of the Council of State and President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba, visited the DPRK between November 4 and 6.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un together with his wife Ri Sol Ju greeted Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez at Pyongyang International Airport on November 4.

At 1 p.m. the Cuban President's personal plane arrived at the airport.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, the Supreme Leader warmly welcomed the Cuban President who came to the DPRK by crossing oceans and continents, and had a firm handshake and warm hug.

After a ceremony for welcoming the Cuban President, both the top leaders of the two countries waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds.

Kim Jong Un and Ri Sol Ju personally guided Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez and his wife Lis Cuesta Perasa to their lodging place of the Paekhwawon Guest House and had a pleasant chat there in an amicable atmosphere.

The Supreme Leader had talks with the Cuban President on the afternoon of November 4.

He and his wife met the Cuban President and his wife outside the conference room of the Paekhwawon Guest House in a warm atmosphere, exchanged greetings with their hands held each other and had a photo taken.

Then, there was a tete-a-tete between the top leaders.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

A joint performance was given by major art troupes of the DPRK to welcome the DPRK visit of the Cuban President in the afternoon that day.

Kim Jong Un and Ri Sol Ju enjoyed the performance together with Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez and Lis Cuesta Perasa.

On November 5, Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay respects to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il. And he visited Kim Il Sung University and Mangyongdae Revolutionary School.

Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez and Lis Cuesta Perasa visited the Mansudae Art Studio that day.

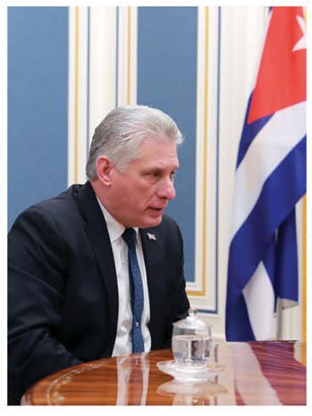
They were accompanied by Kim Jong Un and Ri Sol Ju.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un invited the Cuban President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez to the office building of the WPK Central Committee to

**Kim Jong Un talks with Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez**

**Kim Jong Un** and Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez acknowledge the cheers of the audience and the performers of the artistic performance demonstrating the bilateral militant ties of friendship and unity

At a grand banquet the DPRK leader has arranged to welcome the Cuban counterpart



**Kim Jong Un** meets again Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez in the office building of the WPK Central Committee for a cordial talk and dinner

Both the top leaders and their wives on a visit to the Mansudae Art Studio

**Kim Jong Un** and Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez lift their hands taken together in acknowledgement of the audience and performers of grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country*

**The DPRK Supreme Leader and his wife Ri Sol Ju warmly see off the Cuban President and his wife Lis Cuesta Perasa**

have a talk and dinner with him on the afternoon of November 5.

The Supreme Leader and his wife had a talk with the Cuban President and his wife in a harmonious atmosphere and deepened fellowship.

In the dinner hall of the office building they sat vis-a-vis at the table full of homey atmosphere and enjoyed the dinner introducing their families and exchanging their views on different subjects such as politics, the economy, culture and customs of the two countries.

In the evening that day Kim Jong Un saw the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country* together with Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez at May Day Stadium.

The performance won high acclaim from the audience as it represented with the marvellous world of art the proud development of socialist Korea and the bright future of the cause of global independence.

Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez left Pyongyang on November 6 after winding up his successful visit.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un came to Pyongyang International Airport together with his wife Ri Sol Ju to warmly see off Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez and his wife Lis Cuesta Perasa.

The Cuban President's visit to the DPRK marked a historic turning point in invariably bolstering up the fraternal and traditional ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries and firmly consolidating the militant unity of the two Parties and peoples of the two countries working for common cause under the banner of socialism.

*Article: Choe Kwang Ho*

# Supreme Leader Sees Joint Performance of Korean and Chinese Artistes

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un enjoyed a joint performance given by the artistes of the DPRK and China at the Mansudae Art Theatre in Pyongyang on November 3.

On arrival at the theatre the Supreme Leader was presented with a bouquet by Chinese artistes.

He welcomed the DPRK visit by the Chinese delegation of veteran artistes dispatched by Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, and exchanged warm greetings with them.

He hoped that their Pyongyang visit would mark a significant occasion in promoting the DPRK-China friendship more dynamically, and had a photo taken with them.

The Supreme Leader went to the auditorium together with the leading members of the delegation, and warmly waved back to the cheering audience.

The joint performance arranged under the deep care of the top leaders of the two countries was all the more conspicuous as it was given by Korean artistes and famous Chinese conductors, singers, instrument players, dancers and film stars.

The performers represented the warm ideological and emotional feelings of the peoples of the two countries that have forged the ties of blood in the course of the sacred struggle for the common cause through excellent musical portrayal, thus fully demonstrating the affinity and vitality of art exchanges between the two countries with a long historical tradition.

The performance filled the venue with the feeling of friendship as it imprinted the invincibility and solidity of the bilateral friendship in the minds of the peoples once again, and ended with chorus *DPRK-China Friendship Is Everlasting*.

Kim Jong Un mounted the stage and shook hands with the famous Chinese artistes one by one to congratulate them on their successful performance.

The joint performance represented the intention and will of the peoples of the two countries by dint of songs of friendship, recording another impressive page in the history of development of the long-standing bilateral cultural exchanges.

*Article: Kang Su Jong*

**Kim Jong Un congratulates the Chinese artistes on their successful performance on the stage**

**Kim Jong Un** learns about county town construction in Samjiyon County

At the Samjiyon Potato Farina Factory

# Supreme Leader Provides Field Guidance to Different Sectors

Providing detailed guidance for the construction of the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area

With a grand plan to turn Samjiyon County into the people's dreamland best in the world, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visited the native county of Chairman Kim Jong Il, the first region under Mt Paektu, in late October for the third time this year.

As he looked round the dwelling houses, service facilities and public buildings newly built in the county town area, he learned about the progress of construction, provision of materials and manpower and transport of supplies, and the issues arising in the course of carrying on the project, and put forward the task of remaking the plan for finishing the overall construction project of Samjiyon County by October 2020 that will mark the 75th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, and of executing it without fail.

On his visit to the construction site of the Samjiyon Blueberry Drink Factory he said that big progress has been made in a short span of time, and ordered relevant officials to finish the construction of the factory by the end of this year.

And as he inspected the Samjiyon Potato Farina Factory that day, he spoke highly of the county people for having reaped a rich harvest of potatoes despite this year's unusually unfavourable climatic conditions.

Kim Jong Un provided on-the-spot guidance again at the construction site of the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area.

Specifying the ways to build the hot spring tourist area in Yangdok County, South Phyongan Province

He enjoyed a bird's-eye view of the street of the area and looked round it to learn about the progress of the project.

Only when buildings of many different forms and scales are arranged in a harmonious way and their artistic reciprocity is ensured, can the unique features and charm of the city be brought into relief as a seaside park city, he said.

He said he believes that the people's cultural recreation centre, their seaside park to be envied by the world, will be built to astonish the world again on the occasion of October 10 next year on the tremendous strength of builders who are intensely loyal to the Party, and called for making a brave charge to bring earlier the day when the people's laughter and song of happiness would resound throughout Myongsasipri.

Kim Jong Un also provided field guidance at the construction site of the hot spring tourist area in Yangdok County, South Phyongan Province.

He got familiar with several layout proposals in front of the master plan for the construction of the spa tourist area and gave detailed instructions on the modification of the master plan.

All builders of Samjiyon County, the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area and the hot spring tourist area in Yangdok County are determined to fulfil the tasks assigned by the Supreme Leader who exerts himself to make the country more prosperous and provide the people with the best things in the world.

*Article: Kim Un Jong*

# 2018, a Proud Year of Advance
# Exalting the Honour of the Country

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un waves back to the cheering crowds (September)

2018 is coming to a close, the year which is embroidered with new epochal events in the history of socialist Korea marked by steady progress under the wise leadership of the great leader and the great Party.

This year saw the heightened patriotic zeal of all the Korean people for exalting the dignity and might of the socialist country, the greatest patriotic legacy bequeathed by President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The military parade and the public procession of Pyongyang citizens, the torchlight procession of young vanguard, the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country* and other celebrations of the 70th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea fully demonstrated the stamina of the Korean people who are vigorously advancing towards a bright future, closely rallied around Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, while adding lustre to the immortal exploits performed by the great leaders for the development of the DPRK.

From the beginning of the year that marked the 70th anniversary of the DPRK, the spiritual strength and patriotic devotion of the Korean people surged up tremendously, resulting in giant leaps and innovations in all sectors of socialist construction.

A military parade was held to mark the 70th founding anniversary of the DPRK showcasing the proud history of the Korean People's Army as the revolutionary armed forces of Juche

The DPRK's 70th anniversary celebrations demonstrate the might of the single-hearted unity of the Korean people around their Supreme Leader

**Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un inspects renovated Pyongyang Teachers Training College (January)**

Amid the mounting drive to make a breakthrough in reenergizing the overall economic construction, the Third Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the WPK put forward a new strategic line on further accelerating the advance of the Korean revolution by concentrating all efforts on socialist economic construction, inspiring the people across the country to work harder with great enthusiasm for the revolution.

Projects were pushed dynamically in the electric-power industry to build up the capacity of power stations and develop new power resources, and Juche-oriented iron- and steel-making technologies were completed and iron production capacity was enhanced in the metallurgical industry sector including the Kim Chaek and Hwanghae iron and steel complexes.

A great deal of energies were directed to strengthening the independent foundations of the chemical industry including the construction of a C1 chemical industrial base and steady efforts made in the machine-building industry to develop world-class machinery.

Major construction and grand nature-harnessing projects were well under way, including the reconstruction of Samjiyon County, the development of the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area, the construction of Tanchon Power Station, the second-stage Honggondo tideland reclamation,

**Inspecting an offshore salmon farm (July)**

**Checking a production line at the Songdowon General Foodstuff Factory (July)**

**Looking round the newly built Pyongyang Taedonggang Fish Restaurant (June)**

the Ryongmaedo tideland reclamation and the construction of the Chongchon River-Phyongnam irrigation waterway.

Equipment and production processes of light industry factories were upgraded and the material and technical foundations of the fisheries built up continuously.

The agricultural sector positively introduced scientific farming methods to increase per-hectare grain yield despite the unfavourable weather conditions including a long spell of the worst heat wave.

Many units across the country stoked the flames of the collective innovation drive fiercely with the spirit of self-reliance and science and technology as the dynamics, thereby building lots of facilities conducive to economic growth and improved people's livelihood, and carrying out their yearly economic plans ahead of schedule.

The Theatre for the Samjiyon Orchestra sprang up wonderfully as a proud palace of the arts on the banks of the Pothong River and the stylish Pyongyang Taedonggang Fish Restaurant rose up furnished with full service environment on the Taedong riverside.

Notable achievements were also made in the cultural section.

Constant efforts were channelled into updating educational equipment and environment and improving the educational contents and methods

**At the Kangwon Provincial Tree Nursery (July)**

**Examining a new model of tram car (August)**

The completed Juche iron production system relying on domestic technologies, materials and fuel

in line with the trend of modern education at all educational institutions of the country. The advantages of the socialist healthcare system were fully exhibited with the increase in the production of medical supplies and encouragement to the spirit of serving the people.

With sports enthusiasm running high across the whole country brimming over with joy and optimism, the sportspeople hoisted the national flag in the 18th Asian Games and many other international competitions.

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country* was staged at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang for scores of days, winning high acclaim from the Korean people and foreigners.

This year was such an eventful year to be etched in the history of the DPRK's strenuous struggle for national reunification and improved inter-Korean relations.

Thanks to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un's firm will to achieve the cause of national reunification with the concerted efforts of the whole nation, the 3rd north-south summit meeting and talks were held and the Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula was adopted on April 27 at Panmunjom, which had been a symbol of division and pain, confrontation and hostility for decades.

The 4th inter-Korean summit meeting took place again 29 days later at Panmunjom, which became the focus of world attention as the symbol of peace heralding a fresh start of north-south relations and opening up a new era of reconciliation and unity. In September the 5th north-south summit meeting and talks were held in Pyongyang, giving a birth to the September Pyongyang Joint Declaration, an important landmark for opening up a new golden age of national reconciliation and unity, peace and

The tram car and trolley bus are the products of the spirit of self-reliance and self-development

Upsurges in production are made in different economic sectors through an increased production drive for attaining the goals of the five-year strategy for national economic development

The new Kangwon Provincial Tree Nursery does sapling production on a scientific, industrial and intensive basis

Poman-ri has turned into a model of modern socialist village

Scientists and teachers make great achievements in their work, holding aloft the slogan *Let us make a leap forward by dint of science and guarantee the future by dint of education!*

Mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Glorious Country* has been produced to implant confidence into the minds of all the Korean people who are out in the building of a powerful socialist country

The Pyongyang Taedonggang Fish Restaurant has been built by the Taedong River

Theatre for the Samjiyon Orchestra

Sportspeople exalt the honour of the country by winning gold medals in international competitions including the 18th Asian Games and the 13th Junior and 8th Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championships

National Inter-provincial Games-2018 are held amid nationwide zeal for sports

**Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju pose for a photograph with south Korean President Moon Jae In and his wife Kim Jung Sook on top of Mt Paektu (September)**

prosperity.

Marked progress was also made in the efforts of the DPRK to build a new world, just and peaceful.

The Supreme Leader visited China three times this year and they were the historic events which wrote a new chapter in carrying forward and further developing the traditional DPRK-China friendship as required by the new era and strengthening the unity between the two countries and peoples.

He also met with US President Trump in June to hold the DPRK-US summit meeting and talks for the first time in the history of the two countries. It was an event of paramount importance in further stimulating the current trend toward reconciliation, peace, stability and prosperity prevalent on the Korean peninsula and beyond and in effecting a dramatic turn in the relationship between the long-time foes in line with the requirements of the developing times.

Looking back upon the past year with great pride, the Korean people cherish deep in mind the truth that the Supreme Leader's ideology and leadership are scientific and victorious and that as they are led by him, they will surely build a socialist power and achieve the cause of national reunification, and dynamically advance towards the new year 2019 full of fresh hope for the future.

*Article: Kim Son Gyong*

Inter-Korean basketball and workers' football matches for reunification are held to stir up the atmosphere of national reconciliation and unity in the wake of the adoption of the historic Panmunjom Declaration

**Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, talks with Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China (June)**

**Chairman Kim Jong Un of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and US President Donald J. Trump sign the joint statement of the historic DPRK-US summit talks in Singapore (June)**

# Complex Bustling with Juche Iron Production

The Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex is flexing its muscles as a leading metallurgical industry base of the country.

In September scientists, technicians and workers of the complex and relevant units completed a huge construction project for establishing the Juche iron production line after 500-odd-day strenuous efforts.

During the construction, an oxygen blast furnace and fluidized-bed gas generator were newly built and oxygen plants restored to their original state, opening a new page of coke-free iron-making method and laying solid foundations for increased production.

After putting an end to the production based on coke, workers of the complex keep increasing iron and steel production by relying on locally abundant raw materials and fuel.

The oxygen blast furnace workshop develops and introduces effective working methods for putting the operation of furnace on a scientific footing to turn out quality molten iron. The branch oxygen-separator factory introduces technical innovation plans conducive to increasing oxygen production and saving much electric power. The gas-generator workshop raises the quality and actual generation rate of gas while paying attention to the normal management of facilities and setting the reasonable mixing ratio of raw materials.

Steel and hot rolling workshops found an efficient furnace operating method and introduced advanced techniques to boost production to meet the changed working conditions.

Now the complex exerts itself to supply enough iron and steel to the construction sites across the country by further consolidating the successes made in putting the production of iron and steel on a Juche basis and vigorously conducting the drive for increased production to attain the goals of the five-year strategy for national economic development.

*Article: Pak Yong Jo*
*Photo: Ri Kwang Song*

Iron and steel production is boosted by introducing an efficient furnace operating method and advanced techniques

# New Fish Pickling Factory on the West Coast

Fine fish pickling culture has long been developed in Korea which is bounded by the sea on three sides.

Nunggum Island on the coast of the West Sea of Korea is connected with the mainland by a dyke which was built with huge amounts of refuse carried by a large long-distance conveyor belt of the Unnyul Mine.

Newly built there was the Kumsanpho Fish Pickling Factory that mass-produces scores of kinds of appetizing and nutritious pickled fish products whose hygienic safety is fully guaranteed.

All the production processes are automated and put on assembly line, ranging from raw material preparation to washing, maturing, injecting and packaging.

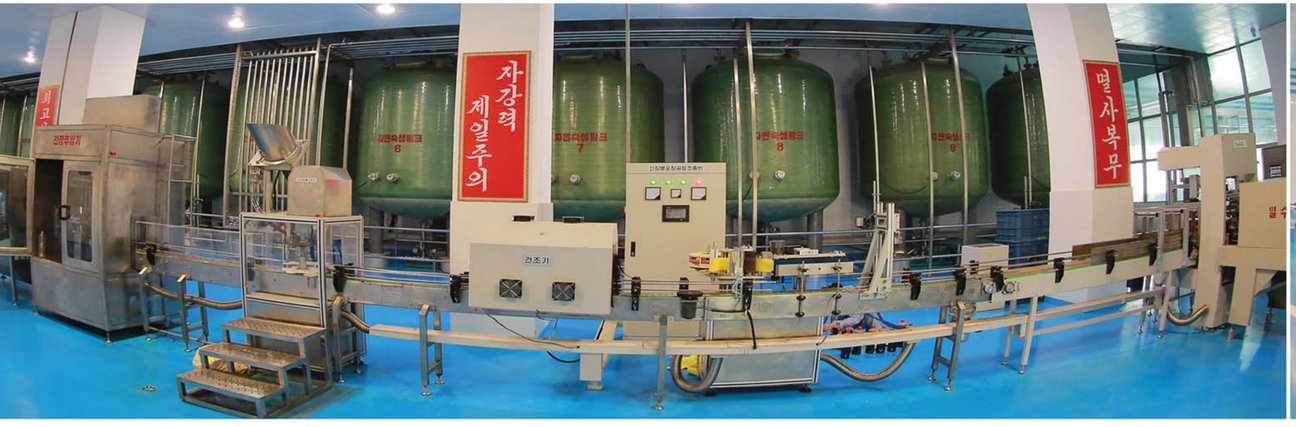
The hygienic safety of products is strictly guaranteed by germ-free production lines that conform to GMP standards and the well-knit screening system. The factory is also furnished with a container production line for packaging pickled fish products and fish sauce.

It has an affiliated fishery station for supplying raw materials to the factory. As soon as various kinds of fishes caught in the eco-friendly sea are unloaded, they are processed into pickled fish products with original tastes.

"Our factory will put production on a more scientific and modern level and continue to increase the variety of products to give full play to its capacity as a modern production base of processed pickled fish and enrich the Korean nation's fine culture of pickled fish," said Kim Sang Ho, manager of the factory.

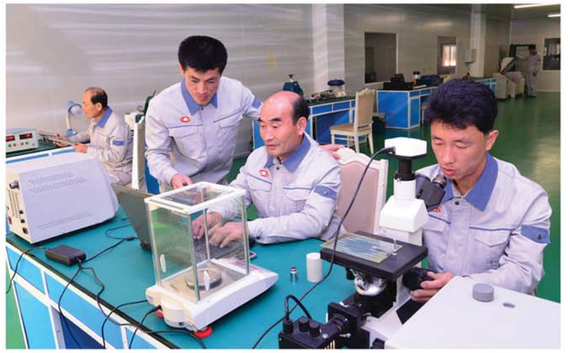
Every product of the factory is very popular with people.

*Article: O Hae Yon*
*Photo: Pyon Chan U*

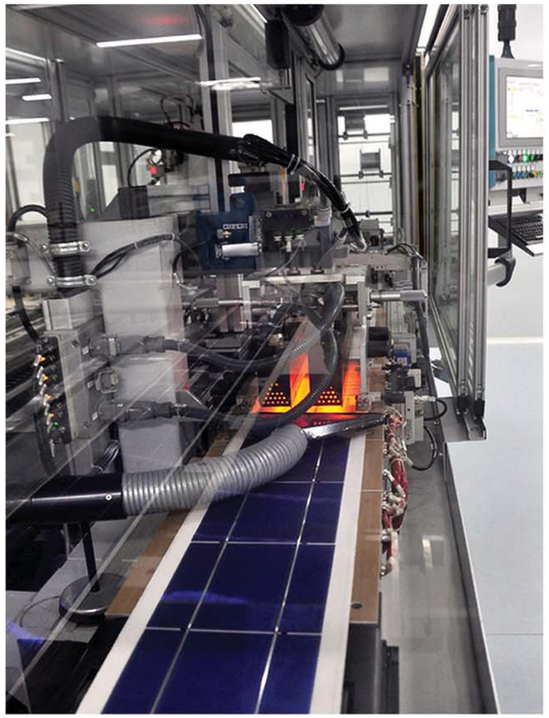


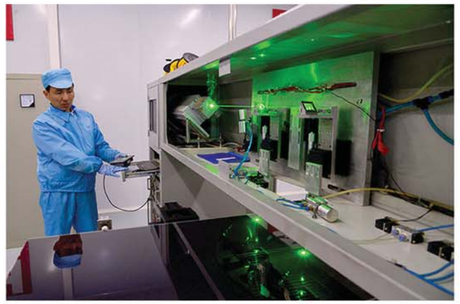
All production processes are automated and put on assembly line

Appetizing pickled fish products and fish sauce are turned out



4D simulation films are produced and all products are analysed and tested





Devices using renewables, electrical and electronic appliances and amusement machines are produced

# Technology- intensive Company

The Mokran Kwangmyong Company, situated in Kallimgil-dong No. 2, Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, was established in 1992 as a producer and distributor of audio materials and videos.

Its multimedia encompasses a wide range of materials and is rich in content, and therefore it remains popular with people in their cultural and leisure activities. It deals with such art works as film, drama, opera and music, science and technology, sports, general knowledge and the like.

The company conducts diverse business activities as it strives to perfect the technology-intensive business structure based on talents and rich information resources in line with the requirements of the age of the knowledge economy.

It has the manufacturers of multimedia, devices using renewables, electrical and electronic appliances and equipment and other units, and their researchers are in their 20s on the average.

Its production lines are equipped with a strict quality control system and are dust-free with constant temperature and humidity conditions. And all employees are intellectual workers who take an active part not only in production activities but also in the development, designing and manufacture of new products.

The products of the company are diverse in kind.

They include amusement machines combining mechanical and electronic techniques and computer programs, 4D simulation films, media players, watt-hour meters, solar panels and inverters.

The building of the company is covered with solar panels to generate electricity. It offers technical assistance to many establishments at home in building the system parallel solar power station.

Without resting on their laurels, all employees of the company work hard to develop and manufacture new products for people's cultural and leisure activities.

*Article: Choe Ui Rim*

*Photo: Ri Myong Guk*

# Manageress Basking in the Favour of Workers

Mun Yong Son, manageress of the Tonghungsan Unha Garment Factory in Hamhung, South Hamgyong Province, is an enterprising person.

Born as the fourth daughter of eight brothers and sisters of an office worker's family, she was thoughtful and had unyielding spirit since her childhood. So once she decided to do something, she never gave it up halfway.

Thirty-four years ago, she graduated from then Hamhung College of Light Industry and got a job as a needle worker at the garment factory. She soon became a labour innovator.

After acquiring a broad knowledge in the field of garment industry in the study-while-you-work system, she was promoted to chief engineer in her maidenhood through a teaching career at vocational training school and a working career as head of the technical preparation office.

A master of invention and developer of new products, she was a pride and treasure of the factory.

In those days she got married and settled down.

When she was appointed manageress of the factory 25 years ago, she set an ambitious goal.

She made strenuous efforts to modernize production processes in the face of trials, difficulties and failures. Thus her factory established the computer-aided integrated manufacturing system for the first time among garment factories in all parts of the country.

She has shown deep interest in the work and supply service for employees, making the factory always brimming over with joy and optimism and the atmosphere of collective innovation and emulation campaign.

Mun Yong Son puts big efforts into developing new clothes

Today the factory is exalting its honour as a model unit in the garment sector by overfulfilling the national economic plan by 30% every year.

The government put her forward as a meritorious person of socialist patriotism and called her to national meetings.

A deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, she often visits schools, hospitals, nurseries and kindergartens in the city and finds herself among the residents to help them properly implement the policies of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government.

All her employees and residents in Tonghungsan District fondly call her *our manageress* and *our deputy*.

*Article: Pak Pyong Hun*
*Photo: Choe Won Chol*

Paying close attention to the workers' life and the supporting of school

# Patriotic Family in Pukjin

The family of Kang Yong Su, a forest ranger of the Unsan County Forest Management Station in North Phyongan Province, has looked after forests generation after generation.

The first ranger of the family was his father Kang Yun Gyong who became the ranger of the Pukjin Workers' District in Unsan County in 1953.

Kang Yun Gyong, who is depicted in Korean feature film *A Forest's Swaying*, afforested mountains in the Pukjin area, which had been stripped bare by bombings in the Fatherland Liberation War between 1950 and 1953, and was thus awarded the title of Merited Forest Ranger for the first time in the country.

His sincere efforts had an enormous influence on his children. Following in his footsteps, his eldest son Kang Yong Gun cultivated forests until the last moments of life and his second son Kang Yong Su has been working as a ranger for 12 years.

It is not an easy job for a ranger to take charge of wide area, climbing mountains to plant and grow trees and to prevent the destruction of forests by fire and harmful insects.

Originally Kang Yong Su was head of the Pukjin branch post office, and he volunteered to work as the ranger, when the mountains his father and elder brother had afforested were heavily damaged due to years of natural calamities.

He worked out a new plan for reforesting mountains and devoted his all to it. He sometimes travelled long distances to secure saplings and good species of seeds, and picked out stones from vacant lots around his home and spread manure over them to plant tree seeds, instead of grains or vegetables. He worked from early morning until late at night to tend sapling patches. Whenever strong wind blew or a long dry spell persisted, he made strenuous efforts lest saplings should break or wither. Those young trees were then transplanted on mountains and they grew up inch by inch.

His persevering efforts to build wonderful forests generation after generation moved his siblings and their spouses who had been working at other jobs, and they gave him active assistance in afforestation.

Finally, more than 2 700 hectares of forests in the Pukjin Workers' District turned into the major woodland producing timber for economic construction and improved people's livelihood in the province and the treasure mountains covered with fruit trees and medicinal herbs and providing habitats for many wild animals.

In June five years ago, the thickly-wooded area in the district was designated as a useful animal reserve, and in 2015 Kang Yong Su was awarded the title of Merited Forest Ranger.

His family find themselves in the mountains every day with the mind of increasing the forest resources of the country and his descendants grow along with flourishing forests.

*Article: Kim Son Gyong*
*Photo: Ri Chol Jin*

# South Hamgyong Provincial *Paduk* House

*Paduk* (go) is encouraged in the DPRK as a national sport. A number of reserve players are trained at *paduk* houses in all provinces of the country.

One of them is the South Hamgyong Provincial *Paduk* House in Kumsa-dong, Songchongang District, Hamhung.

South Hamgyong Province with lots of *paduk* fans has so far produced many *paduk* aces.

In order to keep alive such a proud tradition, the *paduk* house puts attention to arousing social interest in the national sport and running *paduk* hobby groups of kindergarteners, pupils and students who have an aptitude for *paduk*.

Vice-rector Ri Kyong Hyok and Kim Sol Hyang and other instructors pay primary attention to making every member of the groups learn the rudiments of *paduk* and master all techniques.

Every year the *paduk* house organizes different provincial tournaments for kindergarteners, schoolchildren, youth and other *paduk* fans.

Those from the South Hamgyong Provincial *Paduk* House have achieved brilliant successes in various domestic games like the *paduk* event of the Jongilbong Prize national juvenile Taekwon-Do championships.

*Article: Pak Pyong Hun*
*Photo: Ri Myong Guk*

People of all ages get the knacks of playing paduk

# Dried Flowers Elicit Marvellous Emotion

The Pyongyang Floriculture Institute in Taesong District, Pyongyang, is now focusing on the scientific research into the development of dried flower products making technology and their production while intensifying research into and breeding of various kinds of flowers.

The new method of making dried flowers that preserve freshness of natural flowers was developed by young and competent researchers of the institute and won a national patent.

At the dried flower workshop the exhibition hall of products catches the eyes of visitors first. Floral basket, bouquet, ornamental box and other goods made of various dried flowers are so lifelike that they look like those made of fresh flowers.

Special products include the dried foliar flower goods like lily and flower wall tapestry, which are made by injecting various pigments into achlorophyllous petals.

Many people visit the exhibition hall to buy dried flower goods as birthday or wedding gifts.

Dried flower goods are more economical and useful in many aspects than fresh flowers as they can decorate any place in various shapes in a short time in all seasons, says Ri Hyong Sik, a workshop official. “It is just the beginning now, but we will make more and better products that will enrich the people’s emotional life.”

The dried flower goods which arouse special emotion among the viewers are now in great demand among the people.

*Article: Kang Su Jong*
*Photo: Choe Won Chol*

Original flower products are made

## Birds Skittering over Taedong River

*Photo: Ri Kwang Song*

©Published by pictorial KOREA Editorial Board 2018 Address: Sochon-dong, Sosong District, Pyongyang
ISSN 1727-9224

Edited by So Chol Nam 13606-1881165

Pictorial KOREA is available in Korean, English, Chinese, Russian and French at www.korean-books.com.kp.
E-mail: flph@star-co.net.kp

**BACK COVER**: Rhododendron flowers in snow on Mt Paektu
*Photo: Pyon Chan U*